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## INDIA.

*Report from Calcutta—Fumigation of vessels for American ports.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon E. K. Sprague reports, January 14, as follows:

On January 8 permission was accorded to me by the government of Bengal to superintend the fumigation of vessels bound for American ports for the purpose of destroying vermin. Rat guards are now in use and four vessels have been fumigated to date.

In this connection I will add that the port commissioners are endeavoring to reduce the number of rats in the dock sheds by means of traps. No report has yet been issued giving results, as the work has just begun. I am informed that the reports will be furnished me when issued.

The sheds along Kidderpore docks, at which thus far all vessels bound for American ports have lain, unless buoyed in the stream, have stone floors and no grain or rice is stored in them. There is very little indication of the presence of rats in these sheds, and the attitude of the government is such that I think the number will be kept at the minimum.

*Report for week ended January 9, 1904.*

During the week ended January 9, 1904, bills of health were issued as follows:

Date.	Vessel.	Where bound.	European sailors.	Lascars.
Jan. 6	British Monarch .....	Philadelphia .	25	4
7	Queen Christina .....	New York ....	30	.....
9	Lichtenfels .....	do .....	24	41

The effects and clothing of the 45 Lascars were disinfected.

## ITALY.

*Reports from Naples—Inspection of vessels—Plague in Mauritius—Sleeping sickness—Russian emigrant line—Oysters and enteric fever.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Eager reports, January 18 and 25, as follows: During the week ended January 16, 1904, the following ships were inspected at Naples and Palermo:

## NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of large baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.	Number of steerage passengers recommended for rejection.
Jan. 12	Massilia .....	New York .....	108	8	157	4
13	Nord America .....	do .....	494	60	615	14
14	Prinz Adalbert .....	do .....	204	50	423	5
15	Sicania .....	do .....	.....	.....	.....	.....

## PALERMO.

Jan. 14	Nord America.....	New York .....	184	50	250	42
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*Bubonic plague in Mauritius.*

A telegram from the governor of Mauritius states that during the week ended January 7, 1904, there were 55 fresh cases of bubonic plague in the Island, with 37 deaths.

*Sleeping sickness—Cases under observation at Paris.*

The last case of the 3 Congo negroes under observation for sleeping sickness at the Hospital des Dames Françaises, Paris, died January 10. These cases were sent to France for special study of their disease.

*Proposed Russian emigrant line.*

Owing to the unsettled conditions in the Orient there has been a postponement of the sailings of ships of the Russian volunteer fleet carrying emigrants from Naples and other southern European ports to New York.

*Oysters and enteric fever.*

The report of the British Royal Commission on Sewage Disposal, made public a few days ago, states that inquiries made by the board of trade brought to light the fact that the colon bacillus is generally present in oysters even when suspicious contamination can not be directly fixed. The inference is that the colon bacillus is a natural parasite of oysters, and that its presence can not be taken as proof of sewage contamination.

Week ended January 23, 1904:

## NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of large baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.	Number of steerage passengers recommended for rejection.
Jan. 20	Liguria .....	New York .....	278	35	415	11
22	Dinnamare .....	New Orleans .....				
22	Hohenzollern .....	New York .....	158	28	260	2
22	Victoria .....	do .....	320	45	465	9
23	Buenos Aires .....	do .....	197	30	390	7

## PALERMO.

Jan. 23	Victoria .....	New York .....	120	25	120	23
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## JAPAN.

*Report from Yokohama—Immigrants for Seattle recommended for rejection*

Assistant Surgeon Moore reports, January 12, 1904, as follows:

Number of immigrants per steamship *Kaga Maru* for Seattle recommended January 12, 1904, for rejection, 3.